

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) and MCI, Inc. (MCI) to Transfer Control of MCI's California Utility Subsidiaries to Verizon, Which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of Verizon's Acquisition of MCI.

Application 05-04-020
(Filed April 21, 2005)

TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED PROCEEDING

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The alternate draft decision of Commissioner Brown has been made available at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/COMMENT_DECISION/50873.htm on November 3, 2005. The alternate draft decision approves the application of Verizon Communications Inc (Verizon) and MIC, Inc. (MCI) to transfer control of MCI's California utility subsidiaries to Verizon, subject to the conditions set forth in the order. This is an alternate to the draft decision of Commissioners Kennedy and Peevey, primarily made available on October 15, 2005.

Any recipient of this Notice of Availability who is not receiving service by electronic mail in this proceeding or who is unable to access the link to the Commission's web site given above may request a paper copy of the draft decision from the Commission's Central Files Office, at (415) 703-2045; fax number (415) 703-2263; e-mail cen@cpuc.ca.gov.

When the Commission acts on the alternate draft decision, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend or modify it, or set it aside and prepare its own decision. Only when the Commission acts does the decision become binding on the parties.

Pursuant to Rule 77.7(6)(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, comments on the alternate draft decision must be filed at least seven days before

the Commission meeting of November 18, 2005 and no reply comments will be accepted.

Parties to the proceeding may file comments on the alternate draft decision as provided in Article 19 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," accessible at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/RULES PRAC PROC/44887.htm>. Pursuant to Rule 77.3 comments shall not exceed 15 pages.

Comments must be filed with the Commission's Docket Office. Comments should be served on parties to this proceeding in accordance with Rules 2.3 and 2.3.1. Electronic copies of comments should be sent to Commissioner Brown's Advisor Peter Hanson at pgh@cpuc.ca.gov and ALJ Glen Walker at gew@cpuc.ca.gov. All parties must serve hard copies on ALJ Walker and Commissioner Brown, and for that purpose I suggest hand delivery, overnight mail or other expeditious methods of service. The current service list for this proceeding is available on the Commission's web site, www.cpuc.ca.gov.

Dated November 3, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN

Angela K. Minkin, Chief
Administrative Law Judge